

Back-to-back inclusive dijets in DIS at small x : NLO results

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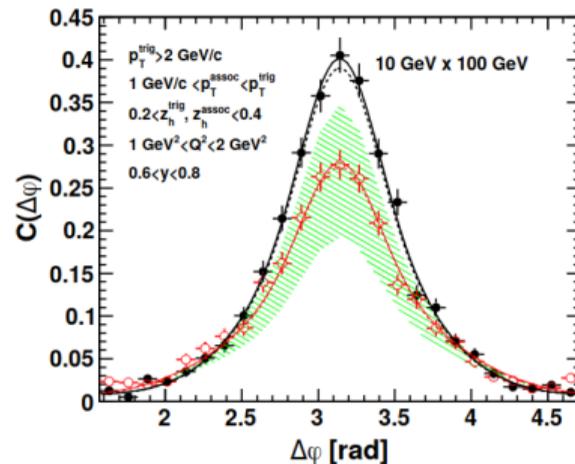
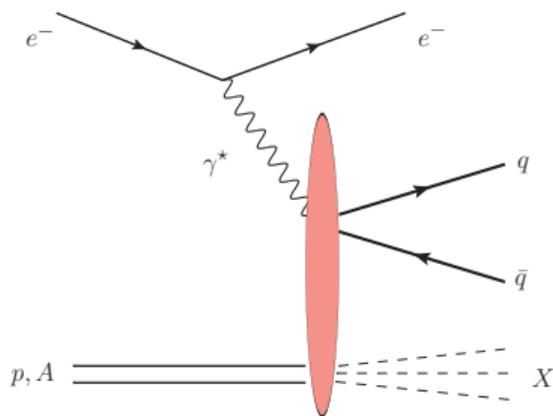
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Inclusive dijet production in DIS at small- x

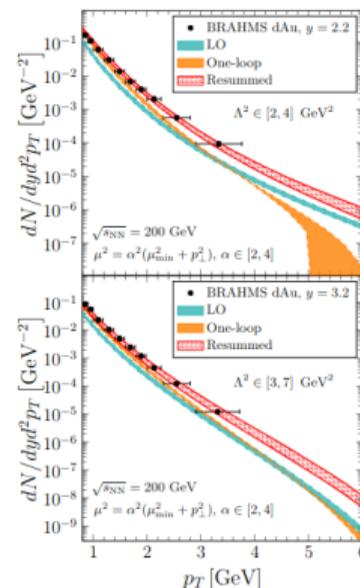
- ⇒ probe of the saturated regime of QCD
- ⇒ access to the Weizsäcker-Williams gluon TMD in the back-to-back limit.



Zheng, Aschenauer, Lee, Xiao, 1403.2413

Precision physics at small- x : many recent progresses!

- NLO JIMWLK evolution for massive quarks.
Dai, Lublinsky, 2203.13695
- One-loop light cone wave functions with massive quarks.
Beuf, Lappi, Paatelainen, 2112.03158
- Forward hadron production in pp/pA at NLO.
Shi, Wang, Wei, Xiao, 2112.06975
- Forward **jet** production in pA at NLO.
Liu, Xie, Kang, Liu, 2204.03026
See talk by Hao-yu tomorrow



In this talk: NLO impact factor for inclusive dijet production in DIS

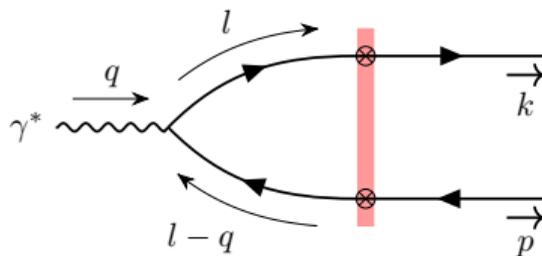
- Reliable QCD prediction requires to account for NLO corrections.
- Systematic determination of the theoretical uncertainties.

Outline

- Brief overview of the computation.
- Divergences
- Back-to-back limit at NLO: Sudakov logarithms and connection with TMD factorization.

Dipole picture, CGC EFT, covariant perturbation theory

- We work in the dipole picture of DIS, large q^- .



- Covariant perturbation theory.

- CGC effective vertex:

$$= (2\pi)\delta(q^- - p^-)\gamma^- \int d^2\mathbf{x}_\perp e^{-i(\mathbf{q}_\perp - \mathbf{p}_\perp)\mathbf{x}_\perp} V_{ij}(\mathbf{x}_\perp)$$

\Rightarrow multiple gluon interactions with the target resummed via Wilson lines $V(\mathbf{x}_\perp)$

LO cross-section

- Differential cross-section at leading order:

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^*+A \rightarrow q\bar{q}+X}}{d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp d\eta_q d\eta_{\bar{q}}} \right|_{\text{LO}} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}} e_f^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^6} \int d^8\mathbf{X}_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}_{x'x'}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}_{yy'}} \Xi_{\text{LO}}(\mathbf{x}_\perp, \mathbf{y}_\perp; \mathbf{y}'_\perp, \mathbf{x}'_\perp) \mathcal{R}_{\text{LO}}^\lambda(\mathbf{r}_{xy}, \mathbf{r}'_{xy})$$

- Factorization** between **perturbative factor** describing the $\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}$ splitting...

$$\mathcal{R}_{\text{LO}}^L(\mathbf{r}_{xy}, \mathbf{r}'_{xy}) = 8z_q^3 z_{\bar{q}}^3 Q^2 K_0(\bar{Q}r_{xy}) K_0(\bar{Q}r'_{xy})$$

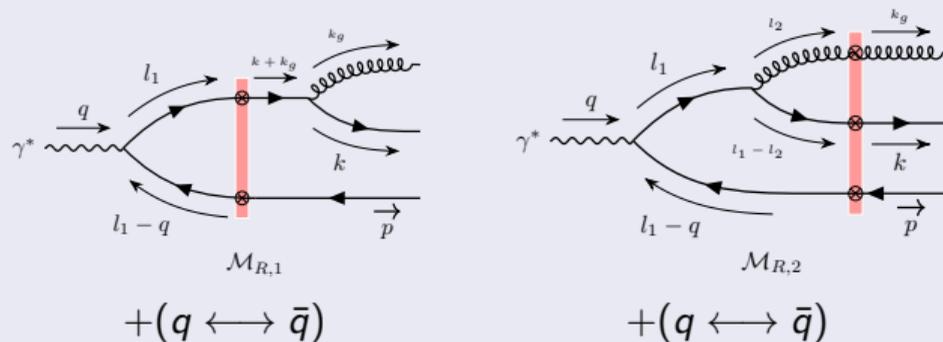
- ... and a **color structure** describing the interaction of $q\bar{q}$ with the dense target

$$\Xi_{\text{LO}}(\mathbf{x}_\perp, \mathbf{y}_\perp; \mathbf{x}'_\perp, \mathbf{y}'_\perp) = \left\langle \underbrace{Q(\mathbf{x}_\perp, \mathbf{y}_\perp; \mathbf{y}'_\perp, \mathbf{x}'_\perp)}_{\text{quadrupole}} - D(\mathbf{x}_\perp, \mathbf{y}_\perp) - \underbrace{D(\mathbf{y}'_\perp, \mathbf{x}'_\perp)}_{\text{dipole}} + 1 \right\rangle_Y$$

$$\text{Dipole: } D(\mathbf{x}_\perp, \mathbf{y}_\perp) = \frac{1}{N_c} \langle \text{Tr}(V(\mathbf{x}_\perp) V^\dagger(\mathbf{y}_\perp)) \rangle$$

NLO computation: real amplitudes

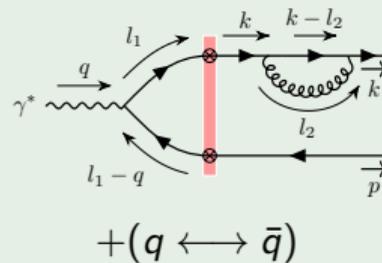
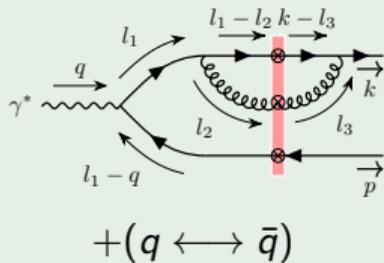
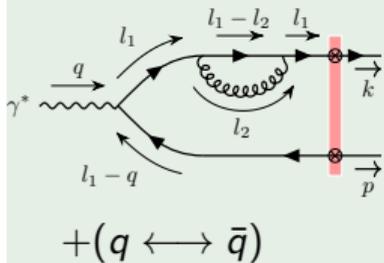
Real diagrams



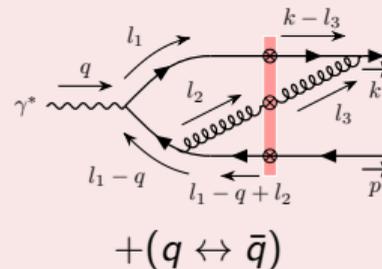
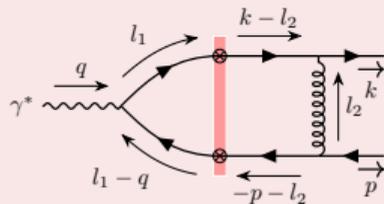
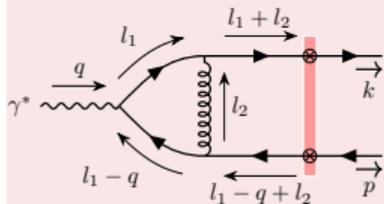
- Already computed by [Ayala, Hentschinski, Jalilian-Marian, Tejeda-Yeomans, 1701.07143](#) using spinor helicities techniques.
- We recover their results.

NLO computation: virtual amplitudes

Self-energies



Vertex corrections

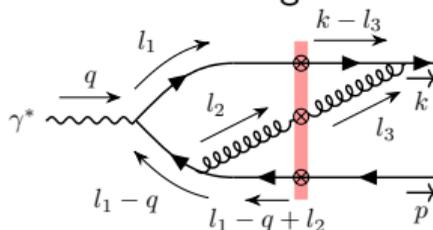


See also:

- Beuf, 1606.00777 (LCPT)
- Hänninen, Lappi, and Paatelainen 1711.08207 (LCPT)
- Boussarie, Grabovsky, Szymanowski, Wallon. 1606.00419 - 1905.07371 (exclusive dijet)
- Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet, 2204.11650 (LCPT, $Q^2 = 0$)

Reducing the number of integrals

- Example: the dressed vertex correction for longitudinally polarized γ^* .



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{e e_f q^-}{\pi} \int d^2 \mathbf{x}_\perp d^2 \mathbf{y}_\perp d^2 \mathbf{z}_\perp e^{-i \mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{x}_\perp - i \mathbf{p}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{y}_\perp} [t^a V(\mathbf{x}_\perp) V^\dagger(\mathbf{z}_\perp) t_a V(\mathbf{z}_\perp) V^\dagger(\mathbf{y}_\perp) - t^a t_a] \\
 &\times \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi^2} 2(z_q z_{\bar{q}})^{3/2} Q \delta_{\sigma, -\bar{\sigma}} \int_0^{z_q} \frac{dz_g}{z_g} e^{-i z_g \mathbf{k}_\perp / z_q \cdot \mathbf{r}_{zx}} \left(1 + \frac{z_g}{z_{\bar{q}}}\right) \left(1 - \frac{z_g}{z_q}\right) K_0(QXV) \\
 &\times \left\{ \left[1 - \frac{z_g}{2z_q} - \frac{z_g}{2(z_{\bar{q}} + z_g)}\right] \frac{\mathbf{r}_{zx} \cdot \mathbf{r}_{zy}}{r_{zx}^2 r_{zy}^2} + i\sigma \left[\frac{z_g}{2z_q} - \frac{z_g}{2(z_{\bar{q}} + z_g)}\right] \frac{\mathbf{r}_{zx} \times \mathbf{r}_{zy}}{r_{zx}^2 r_{zy}^2} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_V^2 &= z_{\bar{q}}(z_q - z_g) r_{xy}^2 + z_g(z_q - z_g) r_{zx}^2 \\
 &+ z_g z_{\bar{q}} r_{zy}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Take home message

- Compact expression!
- Hopefully suitable for numerical evaluation.

Divergences

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What kind of divergence do we get?

- UV (short distance) divergences
 - internal momentum goes to ∞ or $|\mathbf{z}_\perp - \mathbf{x}_\perp| \rightarrow 0$.
 - we use dim. reg. in the transverse plane to extract the UV pole of each diagram if any.
- Rapidity divergence, “slow gluon” when $k_g^- \rightarrow 0$.
- Soft divergence $k_g^\mu \rightarrow 0$.
- Collinear divergence, $z_q \mathbf{k}_{\perp g} - z_g \mathbf{k}_\perp \rightarrow 0$ or $z_{\bar{q}} \mathbf{k}_{\perp g} - z_g \mathbf{p}_\perp \rightarrow 0$.

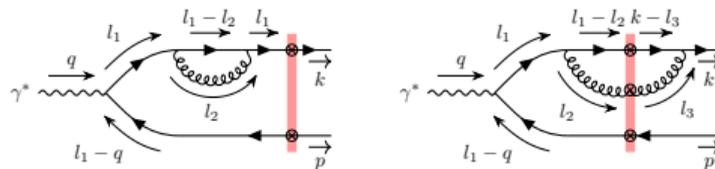
Our regularization scheme

Dim. reg. in the transverse plane + lower cut-off Λ^- in the longitudinal direction:

$$\int_{\Lambda^-}^{\infty} \frac{dk_g^-}{k_g^-} \mu^\varepsilon \int \frac{d^{2-\varepsilon} \mathbf{k}_{g\perp}}{(2\pi)^{2-\varepsilon}} f(k_g^-, \mathbf{k}_{g\perp})$$

Cancellation of UV and IR poles

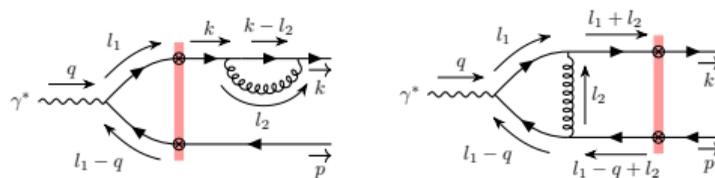
- Massless quark + universality of quark electric charge \Rightarrow **no need for UV renormalization**
- UV divergence cancels between free self-energy before shock-wave and dressed self energy



- The free self-energies after SW turn UV divergence of the free vertex correction before shock-wave into IR

Remaining $\frac{2}{\epsilon_{\text{IR}}}$ pole canceled
by the real corrections for IRC
safe cross-section

\Rightarrow jets

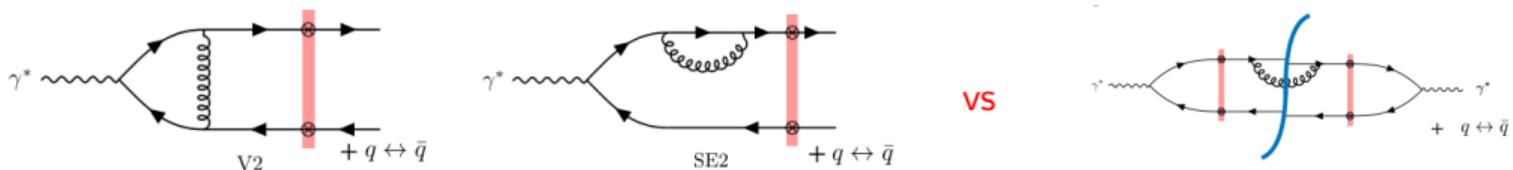


$$\propto \left(\frac{2}{\epsilon_{\text{IR}}} - \frac{2}{\epsilon_{\text{UV}}} \right)$$

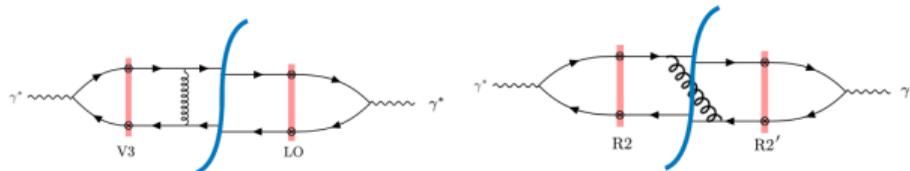
$$\propto \frac{2}{\epsilon_{\text{UV}}}$$

Cancellation of soft divergences

- Soft divergences: double log of the Λ^- cut-off, $\ln^2(\Lambda^-/q^-)$.
- Amplitude-level factorization of soft gluons: \propto to the LO color structure or the cross-diagram color structure.
- For the LO color structure, cancel separately among the virtual diagrams and among the real (between in-cone and out-cone terms)



- For the cross color structure, cancel between real and virtual:



Cancellation of rapidity divergences

- Rapidity divergence is regularized with a **longitudinal momentum cut-off** Λ^- .
- The slow gluon phase space is divided using a factorization scale k_f^- .
- We have found:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma\lambda^+A\rightarrow q\bar{q}+X}}{d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp d\eta_q d^2\mathbf{p}_\perp d\eta_{\bar{q}}} \Big|_{\text{slow}} &= \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}} e_f^2 N_c}{(2\pi)^6} \delta(1 - z_q - z_{\bar{q}}) \ln\left(\frac{z_f}{z_0}\right) \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi^2} \int d\Pi_{\text{LO}} \mathcal{R}_{\text{LO}}^\lambda(\mathbf{r}_{xy}, \mathbf{r}_{x'y'}) \\
 &\times \left\langle \int d^2\mathbf{z}_\perp \left\{ \frac{\mathbf{r}_{xy}^2}{\mathbf{r}_{zx}^2 \mathbf{r}_{zy}^2} (2D_{xy} - 2D_{xz}D_{zy} + D_{zy}Q_{y'x',xz} + D_{xz}Q_{y'x',zy} - Q_{xy,y'x'} - D_{xy}D_{y'x'}) \right. \right. \\
 &+ \frac{\mathbf{r}_{x'y'}^2}{\mathbf{r}_{zx'}^2 \mathbf{r}_{zy'}^2} (2D_{y'x'} - 2D_{y'z}D_{zx'} + D_{zx'}Q_{xy,y'z} + D_{y'z}Q_{xy,zx'} - Q_{xy,y'x'} - D_{xy}D_{y'x'}) \\
 &+ \frac{\mathbf{r}_{xx'}^2}{\mathbf{r}_{zx'}^2 \mathbf{r}_{zx'}^2} (D_{zx'}Q_{xy,y'z} + D_{xz}Q_{y'x',zy} - Q_{xy,y'x'} - D_{xx'}D_{y'y}) \\
 &+ \frac{\mathbf{r}_{yy'}^2}{\mathbf{r}_{zy'}^2 \mathbf{r}_{zy'}^2} (D_{y'z}Q_{xy,zx'} + D_{zy}Q_{y'x',xz} - Q_{xy,y'x'} - D_{xx'}D_{y'y}) \\
 &+ \frac{\mathbf{r}_{xy'}^2}{\mathbf{r}_{zx'}^2 \mathbf{r}_{zy'}^2} (D_{xx'}D_{y'y} + D_{xy}D_{y'x'} - D_{zx'}Q_{xy,y'z} - D_{zy}Q_{y'x',xz}) \\
 &\left. \left. + \frac{\mathbf{r}_{x'y}^2}{\mathbf{r}_{zx'}^2 \mathbf{r}_{zy}^2} (D_{xx'}D_{y'y} + D_{xy}D_{y'x'} - D_{y'z}Q_{xy,zx'} - D_{xz}Q_{y'x',zy}) \right\} \right\rangle_Y. \quad (6.40)
 \end{aligned}$$

Cancellation of rapidity divergences

- Rapidity divergence is regularized with a **longitudinal momentum cut-off** Λ^- .
- The slow gluon phase space is divided using a factorization scale k_f^- .
- We have proven:

$$d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}+X} = \alpha_s \ln\left(\frac{k_f^-}{\Lambda^-}\right) \underbrace{\mathcal{K}_{\text{LL}} \otimes d\sigma_{\text{LO}}^{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}+X}}_{\text{action of LL JIMWLK on the LO x-section}} + \overbrace{\text{finite}}^{\Lambda^- \rightarrow 0}$$

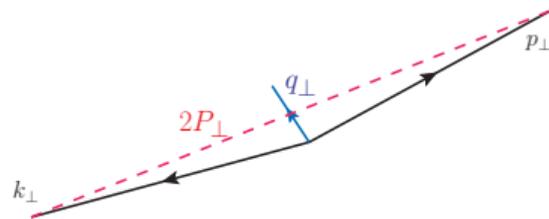
- Thus, the Λ^- dependence of the NLO impact factor is canceled by the JIMWLK evolution of the LO cross-section from Λ^- to k_f^- .

The back-to-back limit

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- Def: $|\mathbf{P}_\perp| = |z_{\bar{q}}\mathbf{k}_\perp - z_q\mathbf{p}_\perp| \gg |\mathbf{q}_\perp| = |\mathbf{k}_\perp + \mathbf{p}_\perp|$



- LO: TMD factorization [Dominguez, Marquet, Xiao, Yuan, 1101.0715](#)

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}+X}}{d^2\mathbf{P}_\perp d^2\mathbf{q}_\perp} \right|_{\text{LO}} \propto \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{P}_\perp) \int d^2\mathbf{b}_\perp d^2\mathbf{b}'_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{q}_\perp(\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)} \underbrace{G_{\text{WW}}(\mathbf{b}_\perp, \mathbf{b}'_\perp)}_{\left\langle \frac{1}{N_c} \text{Tr} [\partial_i V^\dagger(\mathbf{b}_\perp) V(\mathbf{b}'_\perp) \partial_j V^\dagger(\mathbf{b}'_\perp) V(\mathbf{b}_\perp)] \right\rangle_Y} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{q_\perp}{P_\perp}\right)$$

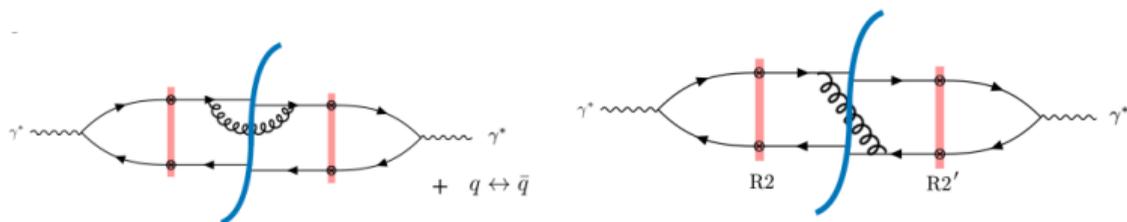
- NLO: large **Sudakov logarithms** vs **small- x logarithm**.

$$\left. \frac{d\sigma^{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}+X}}{d^2\mathbf{P}_\perp d^2\mathbf{q}_\perp} \right|_{\text{NLO}} \propto \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{P}_\perp) \int d^2\mathbf{b}_\perp d^2\mathbf{b}'_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{q}_\perp(\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)} \times \left[1 - \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \ln^2 \left(\frac{P_\perp^2 (\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)^2}{c_0^2} \right) + \dots + \alpha_s \ln \left(\frac{1}{x_{\text{Bj}}} \right) \mathcal{K}_{\text{LL}} \otimes \right] G_{\text{WW}}(\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)$$

Conjectured in [Mueller, Xiao, Yuan, 1308.2993](#) based on Higgs production in pA.

Sudakov logarithms in our computation

- Real diagrams with soft divergences.



- However: the integration over the soft gluon gives the Sudakov **with a positive sign!**

$$\begin{aligned}
 d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}+X} &\sim \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{P}_\perp) \int d^2\mathbf{b}_\perp d^2\mathbf{b}'_\perp e^{-iq_\perp(\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)} \\
 &\times \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \ln^2 \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp^2 (\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)^2}{c_0^2} \right) + \dots + \alpha_s \ln \left(\frac{k_f^-}{\Lambda^-} \right) \mathcal{K}_{\text{LL}} \otimes \right] G_{\text{WW}}(\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Problem: overlapping phase space between soft gluons and slow gluons included in \mathcal{K}_{LL} .

Solution: collinearly improved JIMWLK evolution

- Kinematic improvement: impose both k_g^- and k_g^+ ordering (lifetime ordering).
 \implies Resum large transverse double logarithms to all orders.
 \implies Solve the instability of NLO B-JIMWLK evolution.

Beuf, 1401.0313, Taels, Altinoluk, Beuf, Marquet, 2204.11650

- In practice, add an additional constraint in the LL evolution kernel

$$k_g^+ \geq k_f^+ \implies k_g^- \leq \frac{\mathbf{k}_{g\perp}^2}{Q_f^2} k_f^-$$

with $Q_f^2 \sim Q^2 \sim \mathbf{P}_\perp^2$.

- With this modification $\mathcal{K}_{LL} \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{LL,\text{coll}}$, one recovers the expected double logarithm.

$$\begin{aligned} d\sigma_{\text{NLO}}^{\gamma^* \rightarrow q\bar{q}+X} &\sim \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{P}_\perp) \int d^2\mathbf{b}_\perp d^2\mathbf{b}'_\perp e^{-i\mathbf{q}_\perp(\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)} \\ &\times \left[1 - \frac{\alpha_s N_c}{4\pi} \ln^2 \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_\perp^2 (\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp)^2}{c_0^2} \right) + \dots + \alpha_s \mathcal{K}_{LL,\text{coll}} \otimes \right] G_{\text{WW}}(\mathbf{b}_\perp - \mathbf{b}'_\perp) \end{aligned}$$

Sudakov resummation at single log accuracy

- Exponentiation of the Sudakov logarithms $G_{\text{WW}}(\mathbf{r}_{bb'}) \rightarrow G_{\text{WW}}(\mathbf{r}_{bb'}) \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2, \mathbf{r}_{bb'}^2)$

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2, \mathbf{r}_{bb'}^2) = \exp \left(- \int_{c_0^2/\mathbf{r}_{bb'}^2}^{\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2} \frac{d\mu^2}{\mu^2} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu^2) N_c}{\pi} \left[\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{C_F}{N_c} s_0 - s_f \right] \right)$$

- Double and **single** Sudakov logarithms with **exact** N_c dependence:
- Dijet geometry single log s_0

$$s_0 = \ln \left(\frac{2(1 + \cosh(\Delta Y_{12}))}{R^2} \right) + \mathcal{O}(R^2)$$

See also Hatta, Xiao, Yuan, Zhou, 2106.05307

- Single log from the interplay between small- x and Sudakov resummation:

$$s_f = \ln \left(\frac{\mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2 x_{\text{Bj}}}{z_1 z_2 Q^2 c_0^2 x_f} \right)$$

⇒ Dependence on the rapidity factorization scale x_f !

Finite terms in α_s in the back-to-back limit

Azimuthal anisotropies from soft gluon radiations

- We can also access pure α_s (and non power suppressed) corrections.
- The dominant one are coming from soft gluon radiations. [Hatta, Xiao, Yuan, Zhou, 2010.10774](#)
- Azimuthally averaged x-section sensitive to the **linearly polarized gluon TMD** at NLO!

$$\langle d\sigma \rangle = \dots + \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{P}_\perp) \times \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}_{bb'}}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-i\mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}_{bb'}} \hat{h}(\mathbf{r}_{bb'}) \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{P}_\perp^2, \mathbf{r}_{bb'}^2) \\ \times \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left\{ \frac{N_c}{2} + C_F \ln(R^2) - \frac{1}{2N_c} \ln(z_1 z_2) \right\}$$

- The $\cos(2\phi)$ anisotropy is also sensitive to the **unpolarized gluon TMD**.

$$\langle \cos(2\phi) d\sigma \rangle = \dots + \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{P}_\perp) \times \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{r}_{bb'}}{(2\pi)^4} e^{-i\mathbf{q}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}_{bb'}} \cos(2\theta) \hat{G}(\mathbf{r}_{bb'}) \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{P}_\perp^2, \mathbf{r}_{bb'}^2) \\ \times \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \left\{ N_c + 2C_F \ln(R^2) - \frac{1}{N_c} \ln(z_1 z_2) \right\}$$

TMD factorization at NLO at small- x

- Can we put the full result in a factorized TMD form?
- At NLO, non-trivial color correlators, e.g.

$$\frac{N_c}{2} \langle 1 - D_{y'x'} + Q_{zy,y'x'} D_{xz} - D_{xz} D_{zy} \rangle_Y$$

which does not reduce to the WW gluon TMD, unless $Q_s^2 \ll k_{g\perp}^2$.

- For the numerics, one may first focus on contributions which are naturally proportional to S_{WW} including
 - Sudakov double and single logs,
 - $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ finite term.
- Requires numerical solution of collinearly improved JIMWLK!
[Hatta, Iancu, 1606.03269, Korcyl \(talk at DIS 2022\)](#)

Summary and outlook

- **Proof of UV and IR finiteness** of the dijet cross-section in the CGC.
- **Proof of JIMWLK factorization** of the rapidity divergence for a process with non-trivial final state.
- We have obtained a **numerically tractable NLO impact factor** \Rightarrow reach $\alpha_s^3 \ln(1/x)$ accuracy when combined with extant results for NLO BK-JIMWLK.
- Back-to-back limit: Sudakov double and single log at exact N_c , and impact factor.
- Necessity to use a collinearly improved small- x evolution to find the correct Sudakov double log.
- Towards a numerical evaluation of the impact factor with saturation corrections: **very challenging!** (9 to 11-dimensional integrals + Fourier phases...)